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## VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN)

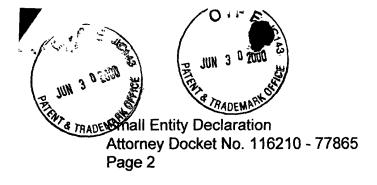
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NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: Bongards' Creameries, Inc. ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: 13200 County Road 51 Bongards, MN 55368

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. 121.12 and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in the attached specification filed herewith with the title METHOD OF MAKING PASTA FILATA CHEESES as listed above.

If the rights of the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).



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Signature of Declarant: Date: March 7, 2000